

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NAIROB 10208 120104Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02
SS-15 ICA-20 AID-05 PC-05 HA-05 EB-08 OMB-01
TRSE-00 FTC-01 JUSE-00 DOE-15 SOE-02 ACDA-12 /155 W
-----095672 122354Z /14

R 110830Z JUL 78

FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8741

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS NAIROBI 10208

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PEPR, OAU, KE, NI

SUBJ: NICERIAN AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN'S NAIROBI INTERVIEW

1; NAIROBI TIMES JULY 9 FRONT-PAGED INTERVIEW WITH
NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN UNDER TITLE "CUBANS ARE
AFRICA'S BEST ASSET." WHILE NOT CLEAR FROM ARTICLE, WE
ASSUME INTERVIEW WAS GRANTED WHILE HARRIMAN TRANSITING
NAIROBI EN ROUTE KHARTOUM OAU MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERVIEW (QUOTATION MARKS
FOLLOW THOSE OF PRESS REPORT);

A. WESTERN POLICY IN AFRICA:

-- HARRIMAN BLASTED PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS
WESTERN ALLIES OVER THEIR POLICY IN AFRICA AND THEIR
GROWING INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN
STATES WHILE MAINTAINING DOUBLE STANDARDS OVER THE ISSUE
OF THE INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

-- HARRIMAN OBSERVED THAT DESPITE THE AMERICAN
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NAIROB 10208 120104Z

PRESIDENT'S TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND DETERMINATION TO
SEEK WORLD PEACE: HE HAD SO FAR FAILED TO INFLUENCE
CHANGE OF HEART AMONG THE AMERICAN MULTI-NATIONAL
COMPANIES WHO CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN SOUTH AFRICAN AND
RHODESIAN ECONOMIES BY EXPLOITING CHEAP BLACK LABOR.

--HARRIMAN OBSERVED "WESTERN POWERS CONTINUE

TO LOOK FOR MODERATES. THERE IS NOTHING LIKE A MODERATE LEADER OTHER THAN A NAKED AFRICAN IN CLOTHES PROVIDED BY THE WEST WHO BECOMES A NEW AFRICAN WHO CANNOT SERVE AFRICANS. THE WESTERN POWERS FURTHER LABEL LIBERATION LEADERS AS COMMUNISTS; THEY SHOW NO RESPECT THAT AFRICANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY WISH TO BE."

-- HARRIMAN WISHED AFRICA WOULD CEASE TO BE A PLAYGROUND FOR NEO-COLONIALISM AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT ALLOW OR CONTINUE TO BE MENTALLY ENSLAVED.

B. CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

-- HARRIMAN DECLARED THE CUBANS ARE THE GREATEST ASSET AFRICA COULD EVER COUNT ON FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF STEMMING THE NORTHWARD THRUST BY COLONIALIST OPPRESSORS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

--"ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS, CARTER HAS BEEN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER CUBA'S ROLE IN AFRICA. WERE IT NOT FOR CUBANS, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA WOULD STILL BE UNDER FIRM YOKES OF THE COLONIALISTS. CUBANS HAVE NEVER ATTACKED ANY SOVEREIGN STATE OR CROSSED AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN BOUNDARY. WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS TO ASSIST OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO GAIN THEIR SELF-DETERMINATION FROM COLONIAL MASTERS. IF THAT IS WRONG WE WONDER WHAT THE UN IS ALL ABOUT. THE CUBAN ROLE IS WELL SUPPORTED IN THE UN CHARTER
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 NAIROB 10208 120104Z

ON DECOLONIZATION."

C. RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

-- HARRIMAN WAS OF THE VIEW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS NOT THINKING OF THE ISSUE SERIOUSLY ENOUGH.

--"WHENEVER WE RAISE THE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA OR RHODESIA THERE IS A NEW PAPER BRANDISHED IN OUR FACES TALKING ABOUT SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. THERE WOULD BE NO NAMIBIAN OR RHODESIAN PROBLEM BUT FOR SOUTH AFRICA. THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO BRING ALL PRESSURE TO BEAR BY STRICTLY OBSERVING OIL AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS."

D. PEACEKEEPING IN AFRICA.

--HARRIMAN WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF WESTERN POWERS' BID TO SET UP AN INTRA-AFRICAN ARMY FOLLOWING HE ZAIRIAN INVASION BY ANGOLA BASED KATANAGESE SOLDIERS;

--APART FROM THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, TO HAVE A NATO FIRE BRIGADE FORCE IS A PERFECTION OF ARROGANCE ON THE PART OF NATO."

--HARRIMAN PROPOSED THE OAU SHOULD INITIATE A UN-SUPPORTED AFRICAN FORCE TO DEFEND THE FRONT-LINE STATES. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER: THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL

WOULD MEET HURDLES AT THE UN IMPOSED BY THE U.S; AND
SOVIET UNION, THE TWO SUPER POWERS LIKELY TO BE
OPPOSED TO ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD PUSH THEM OUT
OF THEIR SELF-PROCLAIMED PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN THE
WORLD.

33. FULL TEXT TO BE POUCHED TO LAGOS, USUN, AND
DEPARTMENT (NIGERIAN DESK).
LE MELLE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AMBASSADORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978NAIROB10208
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780286-0419
Format: TEL
From: NAIROBI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780774/aaaacknm.tel
Line Count: 124
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 37f4ce77-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2052135
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NICERIAN AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN'S NAIROBI NTERVIEW 1; NAIROBI TIMES JULY 9 FRONT-PAGED INTERVIEW WITH NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN UNDER TITLE "CUBANS A
TAGS: PEPR, KE, NI, OAU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/37f4ce77-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014